

NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Average temperatures for the week ranged from about 2 degrees below normal along the Missouri River to 5 to 10 degrees below normal in the central and west. General precipitation was reported Thursday. Snows of 2 to 6 inches were reported from the northwest to the south central sections. Precipitation totals were generally less than 1/2 inch. Tuesday was unusually mild. A cold wave followed the moisture across the State on Thursday. Another blast of cold air moved across Nebraska on Saturday. Late afternoon temperatures were below freezing both Thursday and Saturday. Lows near zero were reported at many western stations. Strong winds were common throughout the week and near blizzard conditions occurred in the west Thursday.

October temperatures averaged near normal. Thundershowers on the 9th and 10th accounted for nearly all the monthly precipitation. Precipitation was above normal in the extreme east but below normal elsewhere.

CROPS Harvest of corn and milo was delayed by wet weather and snow last week with most areas experiencing some interruption of harvest activity. At the end of the week, about 35 percent of the corn crop was picked. Progress was much slower than usual, especially in the southeastern part of the State. It was running nearly a week later than last year at this time. Moisture content of corn was reported at 21 percent, one point lower than a week earlier. High winds knocked down corn stalks in areas where rootworm and stalk rot damage was experienced. Tangled and flattened stalks slowed down picking machines and increased the harvest loss.

Milo harvest was close to 80 percent finished despite some delay. Progress is about average. A few soybean fields remain to be combined. Sugar beet harvest is in the wind-up stage.

Freezing weather across the State killed vegetation growth in late harvested crops and gardens. It was the first killing frost experienced in some southern sections.

Winter grains continue in good condition but some areas need moisture.

Range and pasture feed is ample except in a few local northern sections and in the extreme northwest. Demand for hay is strong in some sections.

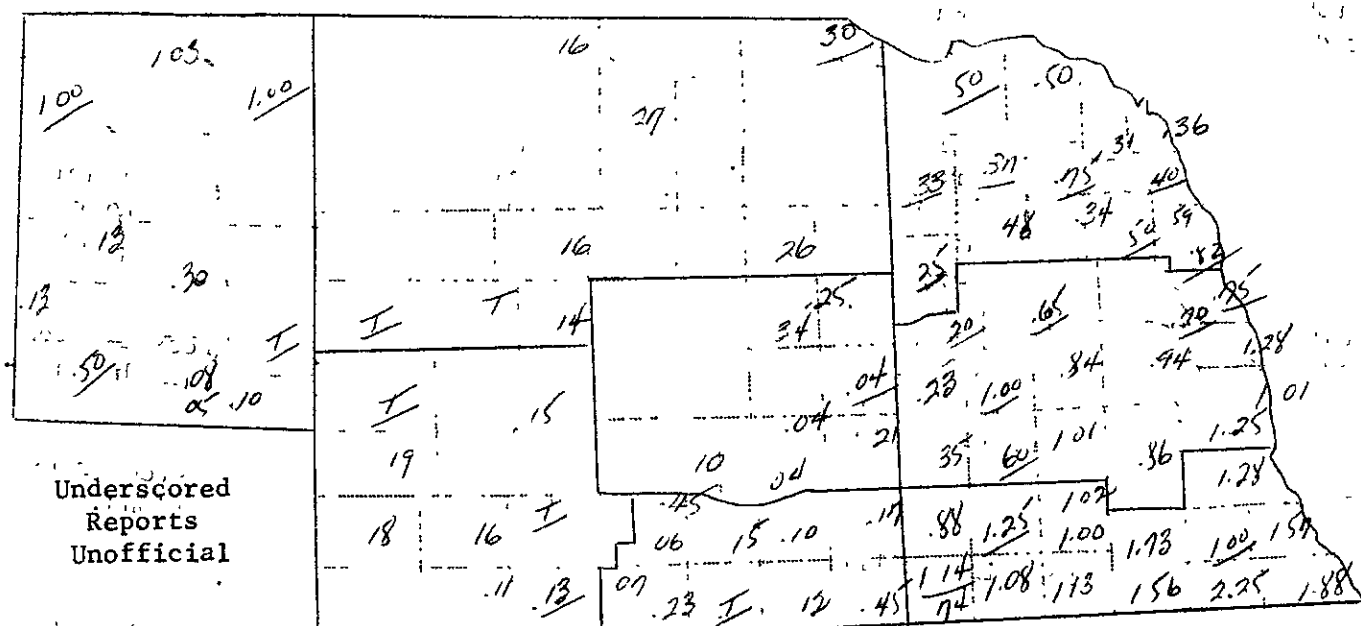
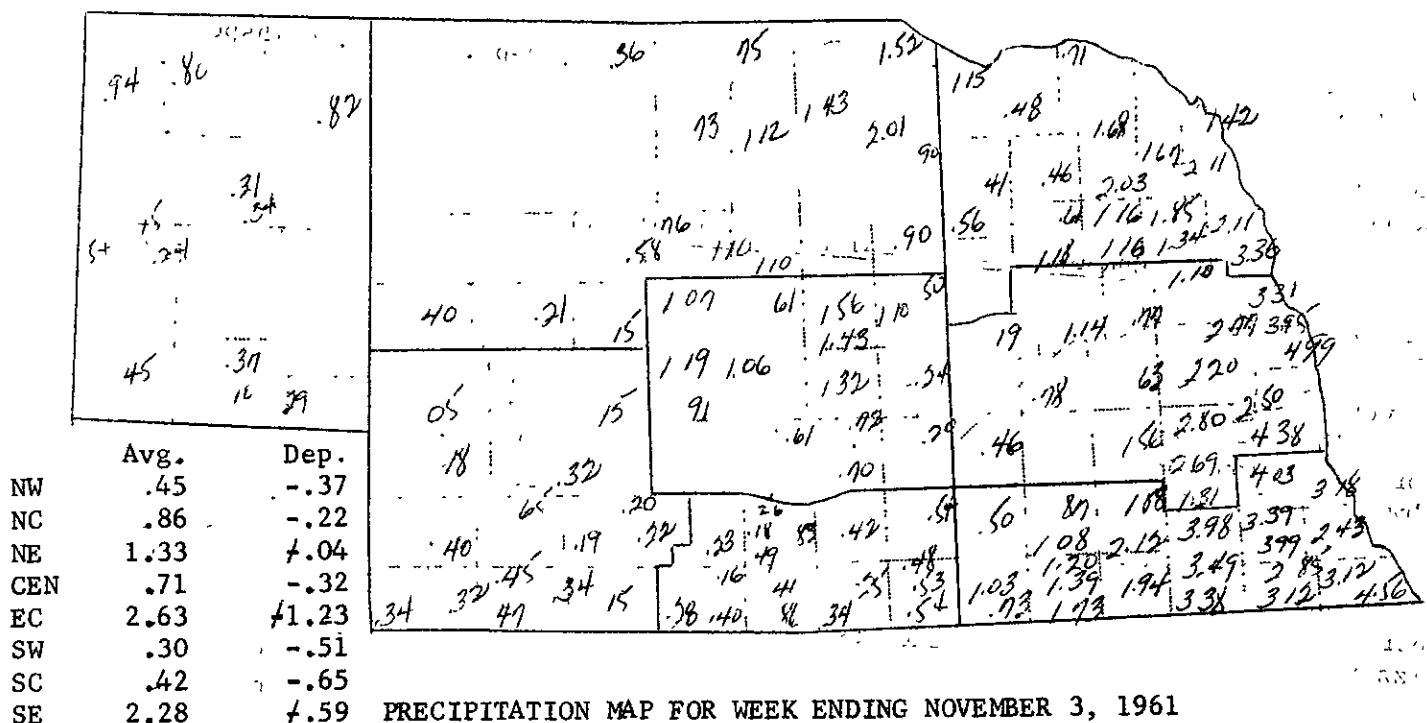
LIVESTOCK The sudden drop to freezing temperatures was rough on livestock in some instances. More cattle are being moved to harvested corn and milo fields. Cattle feeding is on a higher level than a year ago. Shipments of feeder cattle into the State have been large this fall. Hogs have made good gains. Fall litter sizes are above average. Hog marketings continue to increase in volume as the seasonal heavy movement of spring pigs approaches.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.16	Burwell	.23	Chadron	.48
Lincoln	.44	North Platte	.13	Imperial	.16
Norfolk	.41	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.17
Omaha	.71			Sidney	.02
Sioux City	.34				

1400 mm Nov. 7, 1961

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		Oct.		Nov.									
		31st		1st		2nd		3rd		4th		5th	6th
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	38	23	50	33	62	24	44	3	46	23	35	17
	Scottsbluff	38	25	53	30	66	24	43	5	47	31	47	17
	Sidney	53	31	59	26	66	36	45	6	52	25	37	15
NC	Burwell	47	31	61	31	73	35	42	7	43	23	31	18
	Valentine	56	29	62	32	73	38	43	10	49	28	28	20
NE	Norfolk	51	34	65	40	67	55	64	14	45	33	34	22
	Sioux City	56	35	64	44	66	60	66	19	42	34	40	26
CEN	Grand Island	45	35	63	44	70	52	63	14	48	33	38	19
EC	Lincoln	50	42	62	50	67	60	63	21	44	38	46	23
	Omaha	52	39	61	47	65	62	64	19	42	35	44	28
SW	Imperial	40	38	60	31	75	40	50	8	58	33	40	15
	North Platte	45	25	61	25	73	42	47	3	49	--	35	14

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